GUISBOROUGH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT
for the Year 1970

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1970, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

During the year there were 147 deaths in the district, diseases of the heart and circulation accounting once again for the majority of these.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the heads of departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. A. T. Pallister and Mr. E. Ward I owe an especial debt for their unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the district.

Finally I wish to thank Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Mrs. J. Wilson, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN

Medical Officer of Health

November, 1971.

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TABLE 1

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M.	B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray Mr. A. S. Kirkwood

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Guisborough Area.

Miss S. M. Rochester	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. J. S. Dunn	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. M. Houseman	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. R. E. Alderson	District Nurse/Midwife (resigned 17.11.70)
Mrs. A. P. Crosby	District Nurse/Midwife (commenced duty 2.11.70)
Mrs. E. M. Faye	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. H. S. Burrows	District Nurse/Midwife (resigned 31.8.70)
Mrs. N. Rickaby	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Mrs. J. Wilson	Clerk Typist

SECTION 1.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1970 is 13,240 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1969 of 13,000.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres 16,655
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books 4,212
3. Rateable Value £362,269
4. Sum represented by a penny rate £1,514

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	133	124	257
Legitimate	124	115	239
Illegitimate	9	9	18
Still Births	1	3	4
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—

The number of births registered is 257, giving a corrected birth rate of 16·9 per 1,000 population compared with the rate of 16·0 for England and Wales.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Male	Female
Total	1	—
Legitimate	1	—
Illegitimate	—	—

One infant under the age of 1 year died, giving an infant mortality of 3·9 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 18·2.

TABLE 2 — Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	5	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus ...	—	—
Leukaemia	—	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms etc.	7	3
Diabetes Mellitus	1	2
Mental Disorders	—	5
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	2	5
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	—
Hypertensive Disease	—	—
Ischaemic Heart Disease	21	24
Other forms of Heart Disease	1	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	19
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	1
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	7	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	5
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	—
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	2	1
Other diseases, Genito-Urinary System	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	1
Congenital Anomalies	2	—
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—
All other accidents	2	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	—	—
All other External Causes	—	—
ALL CAUSES	69	78

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 147 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 9·3 per 1,000 of population compared to 11·7 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1966
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Un-known
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	211	9	24	29	28	26	94	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases except tuberculosis and Table 5 that of tuberculosis.

TABLE 5

Tuberculosis

Age Groups	Respiratory Form Male	Respiratory Form Female	Non-Respiratory Form Male	Non-Respiratory Form Female
0 to 4	—	—	—	—
5 to 9	—	1	—	—
10 to 14	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	—	—	—	—
20 to 24	—	—	—	—
25 to 44	—	—	—	—
45 to 54	1	1	—	—
55 to 64	—	—	—	—
65 to 74	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	2	—	—

No death from tuberculosis occurred in 1970.

TABLE 6

Immunisation and Vaccination

Diphtheria Immunisation

	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	Total
Completed	221	62	—	283
Reinforcing Doses	—	22	187	209

Whooping Cough Immunisation

	0 to 4	5 to 14	Total
Completed	283	—	283

Smallpox	Primary	Re-Vaccination
	46	27

Vaccination is available from the family doctor and at the Clinic in Guisborough.

Poliomyelitis	Primary	Reinforcing
	273	215

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

There was no procedure taken under these acts during 1970.

SECTION II

Water Supplies

With the exception of some outlying farms and houses, water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. The supply to the area throughout the year has been of satisfactory quantity and bacteriological purity.

Water Samples

TEES VALLEY AND CLEVELAND WATER BOARD

Number of samples taken and submitted for Bacteriological Examination 10

AREA	NO. OF SAMPLES	RESULT
Guisborough U.D.	10	Satisfactory

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice Cream

Under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, all premises used for the manufacture, sale and storage of ice cream have to be registered by the Local Authority. The number registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream is 47. There is one cold mix ice cream manufacturer in the district. Regular routine inspections have been carried out during the year.

Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning has been notified during the year.

Bakehouses

There are two bakehouses in the district. 10 inspections and visits were made.

Fish and Chip Shops

There are six fish frying premises in the district. These were inspected on 12 occasions,

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Regular inspections have been carried out during the year and informal action was taken on two occasions, the requirements asked for being provided.

Food Retail Premises

6 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of sausages, brawn, pies, etc. 76 visits of inspection were made during the year and 434 tins of various foodstuffs weighing approximately 358¼ lbs., together with 38 cases of Butter, 10 trays of French Peaches and 18 trays of Dutch Pears and a quantity of frozen foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

Licensed Premises

There are 19 licensed premises in the area: 27 inspections were made to these.

Meat Inspection

100% inspection of all animals slaughtered for human consumption has been carried out during the year and for this purpose 359 visits were made. 322 lbs. of meat and offal were condemned as being diseased or otherwise unfit for human consumption and the whole of this amount was voluntarily surrendered.

TABLE 7

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	466	14	—	1483	287	—
Number inspected	466	14	—	1483	287	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	16	2	—	35	6	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	3.4%	14.2%	—	2.3%	2.09%	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.21%	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

There are 4 licensed slaughterhouses in the Area, and 10 licensed slaughtermen.

There are no poultry processing premises in the area.

HOUSING

Housing Statistics

New houses erected in 1970

(a)	By private owners	206
(b)	By the Council	Nil

1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

1.	(*a*) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	35
	(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	78
2.	(*a*) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	—
	(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	—
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	11

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices*

(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	11

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	(*a*) By Owners	—
	(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	74
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
	(*a*) By Owners	74
	(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .... —

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .... —

D. Proceedings under Section 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35, Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made 4

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 1

4. *Housing Act*, 1957, *Part* 4, *Overcrowding*

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year .... Not known

(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year .... Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959/1964

(1) (*a*) Number of Discretionary Improvement Grants made 20
(*b*) Number of Discretionary Improvement Grants refused 1

(2) (*a*) Number of applications for Standard Grants 10
(*b*) Number of applications for Standard Grants refused .... —

Rent Act 1957. *Application for Certificates of Disrepair.*

1. (*a*) Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair .... Nil
(*b*) Number of Decisions to issue Certificates
(1) in respect of some but not all defects .... Nil
(2) in respect of all defects .... Nil
(*c*) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of First Schedule .... Nil
(*d*) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule .... Nil
(*e*) Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued .... Nil

2. *Application for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair*

(*a*) Applications by Landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificate .... Nil
(*b*) Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificate .... Nil
(*c*) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection Nil
(*d*) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority .... Nil

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Nuisances

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	431
Nuisances found	431
Abated during the year—Informal action	429
Abated during the year—Statutory action	2

Number of summonses or legal proceedings — Nil.

Drainage and Sewerage

With the exception of outlying farms and houses the District is served by public sewers discharging into various sewage disposal works.

Normal extensions to the sewerage system in the District have taken place in connection with private development.

Closet Accommodation

206 water closets were provided for new buildings in Guisborough during the year.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

A weekly collection of both household and trade refuse is maintained throughout the whole of the District. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

Smoke Control/Clean Air

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

The following table shows the deposit in tons per square mile in respect of the deposit gauges at Guisborough.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION TESTS

	Deposit Gauge Works' Depot, Rectory Lane, Guisborough				Deposit Gauge West End, Guisborough				Deposit Gauge The Grove, Hutton, Guisborough			
Month	*Ph* Value	Rain-fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe_2O_3	*Ph* Value	Rain-fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe_2O_3	*Ph* Value	Rain-fall	Undissolved Matter	Fe_2O_3
Jan.	NOT RECEIVED				4.2	1.62	2.91	0.40	4.3	1.80	0.77	0.24
Feb.	,,		,,		5.6	0.84	1.50	0.23	5.3	1.06	0.63	0.20
March	,,		,,		6.0	2.17	5.04	0.73	5.9	2.16	2.68	0.63
April	,,		,,		5.8	2.44	3.51	0.67	5.5	2.37	2.40	0.48
May	,,		,,		NOT RECEIVED				6.3	0.85	5.48	0.95
June	,,		,,		,,		,,		5.8	0.18	2.04	0.43
July	6.4	2.51	5.58	1.10	5.3	2.53	4.68	0.40	5.2	1.80	12.66	1.75
Aug.	NOT RECEIVED				5.4	1.65	4.87	0.57	6.7	2.32	2.37	0.33
Sept.	,,		,,		4.9	0.96	3.91	0.33	5.0	0.57	3.41	0.31
Oct.	4.1	1.45	14.19	3.94	4.5	1.62	4.04	0.23	5.1	1.28	6.25	0.90
Nov.	5.2	2.95	9.69	2.31	5.4	3.13	2.21	0.31	5.5	3.25	1.68	0.21
Dec.	5.1	2.65	8.28	2.57	5.3	2.73	1.64	0.48	5.6	2.64	1.55	0.49

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949—Rodent Control

During the year the Council's sewers were treated twice in accordance with the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Routine surveys have been carried out in connection with farms, business premises, dwelling-houses, etc. and at the year end 51 non-agricultural properties had been treated. The poison used has been 'Warfarin'.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There is 1 licensed site for the stationing of 1 residential caravan only. This was inspected on two occasions.

Mortuaries

One at the Admiral Chaloner Hospital.

Public Swimming Baths

The Council's swimming baths were opened on 10th August, 1968. 22 swimming bath water samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

No. Satisfactory	20
No. Unsatisfactory	2

Byelaws in force in the District

Byelaws in respect of cleansing of footpaths and pavements; nuisances; common lodging houses and slaughterhouses: 24th July, 1893.

Byelaw with respect to tents, vans and sheds: 16th November, 1917.

Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings: 27th April, 1925.

Byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools: 18th October, 1946.

Byelaws in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air: 10th July, 1950.

Byelaws in respect of Smoke Pollution: 1st August, 1957.

Control of Dogs on Roads (Guisborough) No. 1 Order, 1963.

Byelaws for the Regulation of Swimming Baths under the Management of the Council 1969.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following figures have been returned to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, regarding factories in the district.

TABLE 8.

1. **Inspections** for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	6	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	7	4	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	19	10	—	—

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Premises Registered 95

Consisting of:

Offices 17

Shops 68

Warehouse 1

Catering Establishments 9

Total No. of Inspections made 37

No. of Accidents reported 2

J. T. Stokeld & Sons Ltd., Guisborough